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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Thomas D. Trammell, Jr., 30, of Green Isle, Minnesota, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to armed bank robbery.

The evidence showed that on July 8, 2005, Trammell entered the First National Bank of Hudson, Crestview Branch, a few minutes before closing time, approached two different tellers, displayed a gun and provided a note demanding money. The defendant fled the bank with the money and was arrested in Minnesota in 2006.

U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for December 21, 2007. Trammell faces a maximum penalty of 25 years in prison. Trammell is currently serving an eleven-year federal prison sentence for an unrelated bank robbery.

The charges against Trammell were the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Hudson Police Department, with the assistance of the Sibley County, Minnesota, Sheriff's Department and the Forest Lake, Minnesota, Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura A. Przybylinski Finn.

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